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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
<p>Moved goods</p>	<p>Returning Mexicans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True copy or notarized copy of Mexican passport. • Original official inventory (without values) in Spanish, stamped by the Mexican Consulate in the origin country. • Declaratory Letter addressed to the correspondent Customs Warehouse, in which customer has to declare that his items are new or not. Any new items have to be listed and the corresponding proof of purchase (receipt) attached in order for the customer to pay the corresponding duties 20% + I.V.A 15%. • Manifestation of Value form signed by customer (sample of this form is provided by your agent). <p>FM-2 immigrant working Visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True copy or notarized copy of FM-2 Visa. • Original and two carbon copies of inventory list in Spanish legalized and sealed by Mexican consulate at the place of origin. • Declaratory letter as indicated above. • Manifestation of value form as indicated above. • Liability letter (this form can be provided by your agent). • Origin and destination addresses. <p>FM-3 Visa (temporary residence Visa):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE FM-2 • True copy or notarized copy of FM-3 Visa. 	<p>IMPORTANT:</p> <p>Based on the Mexican laws, in order to be able to import household effects and personal effects free of import duties, the following rules must be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goods must have been used for at least six months and are not intended for resale. • All articles must be included in the inventory visaed by the Mexican Consulate. The Mexican government can expropriate any article not included in the inventory. • The following articles are not considered HHG: firearms, ammunition, liquors, wine, motorcycles, boats, cars and food. Some of them may require an import license. Contact your agent for specific information. <p>Shipments consigned to Mexico City terminal are handled by steamship line companies own transportation system. Please contact you agent for them to take care of transportation to avoid unnecessary demurrage charges.</p>	<p>The Mexican citizen must have lived abroad for at least 24 months to import their Household effects free from duty.</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexican Line needs a deposit of US\$ 1,000 when the shipment is coming into a container. • For shipments entering through Mexico City Airport or through any port of entry, a Solidarity Letter will be needed. Original or notarized copy is not needed when shipper got an FM -2 or FM-3 Visa and want to import the goods after a period of 180 days. • As the Mexican ports & Customs houses are saturated, the lift-vans and steel containers are placed in the open and must therefore be well protected against rain. • Do not ship household effects until all documentation is accomplished (the airport holds the shipment during 30 days and ports during 60 days only). If the documentation is not presented by that time, the Mexican Government confiscates the shipment. • Inform your destination agent on time of the arrival of the shipment at the Customs House of port of entry in order for him to proceed with the import negotiations. • Due to legal regulation the agent does not accept C.O.D. charges. (Only destination charges can come in a C.O.D. basis). All



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of guarantee from the employer in Mexico stating that the company is responsible for the duties or taxes, should the shipment not be re-exported when the employee leaves the country. Copy of affidavit of the person signing the above letter. 		<p>shipments must come prepaid.</p>
<p>Diplomatic goods</p>	<p>Foreigners with Diplomatic status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The import permit, "the Diplomatic Franchise" has to be obtained by the corresponding Embassy in Mexico City from the general Customs authorities. Inventory list written in Spanish, with an assessed value. Copy of passport Origin and destination addresses. <p>Mexicans returning with Diplomatic status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The corresponding official government office to which the diplomat belongs has to get from the General Customs Authority in Mexico City the import permit known as "Diplomatic Franchise". Inventory list written in Spanish, with an evaluated value. Copy of passport. Origin and destination addresses. 		
<p>Bridal Clothes</p>	<p>If included as part of household items and effects and declared in the legalized list.</p>	<p>Allowed – SEE MOVED GOODS Or else – Importation not allowed.</p>	<p>Must be used items. For specific cases, it is advisable to speak to your local agent.</p>
<p>Heirlooms/ Bequest</p>	<p>Permission is obtained from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion (Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial) in the Federal District of Mexico (D.F.).</p>	<p>Or else – Importation not allowed.</p>	<p>Liable to tax payment. For specific cases, it is advisable to speak to your local agent.</p>



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Household effects and New furniture	If included with moved goods, they must be included on the legalized inventory list and originals of all proof of purchase must also be presented.	Liable to payment of duties and taxes. Utmost 1000 USD.	Only possible for shipments through NVO, Laredo, and Tamps, NOT Vera Cruz neither Mexico City Airport.
Household devices	If included as part of the household effects, declared on the legalized list and in Small quantity.	Allowed – SEE MOVED GOODS Or else – Importation not allowed.	
Electrical devices	SEE HOUSEHOLD DEVICES	SEE HOUSEHOLD DEVICES	Model ,brand, and serial numbers of electrical appliances must be written on the legalized inventory list, sealed by the Mexican Consulate.
Artwork, Antiquity	If part of the household effects, declared on the legalized list and in small quantity.	Allowed – SEE MOVED GOODS Or else – Importation not allowed.	
Valued metal articles		Importation is not allowed, as they are not part of the household effects.	
Rugs	If they are part of the household effects and only in small quantity.	Allowed – SEE MOVED GOODS Or else – Importation not allowed.	
Gifts, Memorabilia	If part of the household effects and are declared on the legalized list.	Allowed – SEE MOVED GOODS Or else – Importation not allowed.	Liable to tax payment.
Automobiles temporarily imported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice of title property. • Driver's license. • License of the car. • Original FM-3 • International Credit Card • Importer's proof of identification • Letter of authorization given to the agent, authorizing him to take care of the transportation of the car from Monterrey to its final destination. 	Duty of US\$50 is imposed by international credit card.	Shippers must be at port of entry to clear Customs and obtain the temporary import permit. After, the agent with a power of attorney can do transportation. Customs will grant a permit for the period of validity of FM-2 or FM-3, which has to be renewed before expiration of FM-2 or FM -3 . Car cannot be imported with household Effects. Mexican cannot return with their car.
Automobiles (Diplomats)	Diplomats can import their car with a franchise arranged by the Embassy to which they belong.		The agent can take care of car transmission with corresponding diplomatic franchise.
Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	Only bicycles being part of the household Effects and declared on the legalized list are	Or else, not allowed.	Must be used and only one per person.



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	allowed.		
Machines, appliances, spare pieces		Importation not allowed, as they are not considered as part of the household effects.	
Wine, Liquor		Importation not allowed.	Wines & liquors are found in the household effects, the clearance may be delayed and extra handling must be paid to take wines/liquors out and keep them in Customs Dominion until the importer gets the corresponding import permit and pays the duties/taxes.
Canned food and foodstuff		Importation not allowed.	
Arms, munitions and explosives		Importation not allowed, as they are not considered as part of the household effects.	
Medications, narcotics and drugs	If medications are included as part of the household effects and only if prescribed by a doctor.	Importation not allowed.	
Plants		Importation not allowed.	
Cats and dogs, other pets	If value exceeds 5000 \$ (national currency): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Authorization from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion. • Sanitary B/L. •General certificate of Health •Vaccination certificate if value is under 5000 \$ (National currency). •The same documentation is necessary excepting the authorization from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion. 	Liable to payment of duties.	It is suggested to send documents and AWB in advance by fax, to avoid delays in releasing pets. It is also suggested to arrange for arrival at the beginning of the week, to avoid pets being kept in Customs control over a weekend, when there is no one to feed them.